

### **REMARKS**

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2004.

Claims 1-10, 44, and 48-50 are amended. Claims 1-10, 44, and 48-57 are now pending in this application.

#### **Objections to the Specification**

The specification is objected to as failing to provide antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter.

Claims 1-10, 44, and 48-50 have been amended to better describe the recited subject matter. Applicant believes that the amendments have addressed the issue raised in the Office Action.

Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection to the specification.

#### **§112 Rejection of the Claims**

Claims 1-10, 44, and 48-57 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

#### ***Claims 1-10, 44, and 48-50***

Claims 1-10, 44, and 48-50 have been amended to better describe the recited subject matter. Applicant believes that the amendments have addressed the issue of indefiniteness raised in the Office Action.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claim 1-10, 44, and 48-50.

#### ***Claims 51-57***

Claims 51-57 are indicated as being rejected under the Claim Rejections section of the Office Action but are also indicated as being allowed under the Allowable Subject Matter section of the Office Action. Applicant respectfully requests a clarification in the next official communication.

Allowable Subject Matter

As discussed above, Applicant respectfully requests a clarification with respect to the status of claims 51-57 in the next official communication.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6912 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

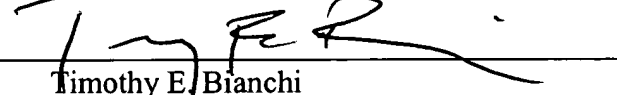
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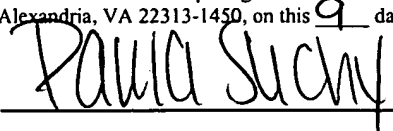
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